

Ready to get your land use consent to farm? Nice one!
We'll help you get started, so you can get sorted this year.

The five steps to getting the thumbs up.

1 Prepare your Nutrient Budget

If your nitrogen losses are less than 15 kg/ha/year you need to demonstrate this when you lodge your consent. You can use OVERSEER® or the NCheck tool at ecan.govt.nz/farmers-hub.

If you have greater losses, you will need to prepare a nitrogen baseline, using OVERSEER® or an approved alternative.

We know there may be a delay for some nutrient budgets to be completed, so let us know when you are on the waitlist to get yours done.

See ecan.govt.nz/farmers-hub for information.

3 Apply for your Resource Consent to farm

Apply before July 2017 if you need a consent to farm.

See ecan.govt.nz/farmers-hub for information.

4 Have your Farm Environment Plan audited

An audit of your FEP is required within one year of gaining your consent, to demonstrate you are operating at Good Management Practice.

See ecan.govt.nz/farmers-hub for auditing information.

5 Plan for further nitrogen loss reductions

Start thinking about how you will make further improvements beyond GMP by 2022, if your losses are over 15kg/ha/year.

2 Create your Farm Environment Plan

Use an approved template to create your FEP.

See ecan.govt.nz/farmers-hub for templates and industry contact details.

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You will need to apply for a land use consent to farm* if your farm is over 10ha, and:

- Your nitrogen losses exceed 15 kg/ha/yr, and/or;
- Any part of your property is within the Cultural or Phosphorus and Sediment Area

* Farms supplied with Central Plains Water will not need to obtain a separate land use consent.



Need a hand? No worries!

Help is at hand

We know there is a lot to figure out, and July is just around the corner, so we're here to help. You can find the information you need by checking out our website or giving us a call.

ecan.govt.nz/farmers-hub
0800 324 636

Do I need consent?

If you need help to determine whether you need a farming activity consent, simply give us a call and we can help.

Drop-in sessions

There is a lot to figure out – Consents, Farm Environment Plans, Nutrient Budgets and Audits. For help, drop in and have a chat with Environment Canterbury staff about getting your land use consent to farm.

The first Wednesday of every month –
Darfield Library, 1 South Terrace, Darfield, 1 – 4pm
The third Tuesday of every month –
Leeston Library, 19 Messines St, 1 – 4pm.

Industry support

Get support and advice for preparing your Farm Environment Plan, creating your nutrient budget and meeting Good Management Practice. For all the details, check out our events page at **ecan.govt.nz/farmers-hub**, or your industry body's website. A variety of independent consultants also offer additional advice and support.

Contact details can be found on the website.

Pre-application meeting

Get prepared before lodging your consent, in a free one-hour pre-application meeting with a consent planner. Contact us on **0800 324 636** to make an appointment.

Central Plains Water

Are you, or will you be, supplied with water by CPW? Give them a call to find out, because you won't need to obtain a land use consent if your farm is managed under the CPW consent.

For information specific to your farm, visit **ecan.govt.nz/farmers-hub**

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